

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No
PCT/IT2004/000044

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 F03B17/06

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X Y	GB 2 223 063 A (BISSEX ALLEN ROYSTON HOWARD) 28 March 1990 (1990-03-28) page 2, line 36 - page 3, line 82 page 5, line 130 - page 7, line 187 abstract; figures	1-3,5,6, 8 5-8
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1. claims: 1-8

A system for the conversion of energy from a fluid flow comprising a plurality of floats having rods passing therethrough to enable attachment to a structure. Turbines and protective gratings are mounted onto the floats. The power derived from the turbine can be used to generate electricity or to pump water.

2. claims: 1,9-10

A system for the conversion of energy from a fluid flow comprising a plurality of floats having rods passing therethrough to enable attachment to a structure. Turbines and protective gratings are mounted onto the floats. Guiding means are provided to enable flow to approach the turbine from either two directions or in many directions.

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